

McGUIRE IS FORCED TO TELL TRUTH

District Attorney Whitman Was About to Have Contractor Indicted For Perjury in New York Graft Investigation—Admits Authorship of Telegram Which He Had Previously Disclaimed—In State of Nervous Collapse on Stand.

New York, Nov. 11.—George H. McGuire of Syracuse, who denied under oath last Thursday that he had sent a telegram to John A. Hennessy, former Governor Sulzer's graft investigator, relative to political contributions, today admitted that he was the author of the telegram.

A threat of indictment for perjury was hanging over him when the admission fell from his lips, and he left the witness stand almost in a state of collapse. A physician was called to attend him.

Denied Connection with Telegram.

McGuire was testifying for the second time in the John Doe inquiry instituted by District Attorney Whitman into Hennessy's charges that contractors on state road work had been "sandbagged" into making campaign contributions to Tammany Hall. Hennessy had testified that he obtained most of his information from McGuire and that the latter had sent him a telegram from Syracuse signed "M." setting forth that William H. Kelley, democratic leader of Onondaga county, had been helping Arthur A. McLean, treasurer of the democratic state committee, to "sandbag" state highway contractors. McGuire on Thursday last unequivocally denied that he had anything to do with the telegram.

Witnesses Show McGuire Falsified.

Today District Attorney Whitman sent before the grand jury three witnesses who have testimony to show that McGuire had not told the truth. One of these was Miss Ollie Collier, a stenographer in McGuire's office; another was a typewriter expert who took with him a typewriter which had been brought from McGuire's office.

The stenographer in McGuire's office, who was called to the stand, testified that the machine was one which McGuire himself frequently used and the expert declared that the letters on the original of the telegram identically corresponded in their peculiarities with the letters on the machine.

McGuire was growing visibly nervous. "As I remember it," he said, "my testimony as to that was correct."

McGuire Becomes Hysterical.

At this point his attorney, former Federal District Attorney Henry A. Wise, who said he had been retained less than half an hour before the hearing began today, requested Magistrate McAdoo for an adjournment until Thursday. He explained that his client was in a state of physical and mental collapse and was not in condition to go on with his testimony.

The request was granted after Mr. Wise had obtained consent to take the witness into an adjoining room. There McGuire became hysterical, it was said.

McGuire was shown the original form of the telegram as soon as he took the stand and asked if he had written it.

Mellen Not Connected

WITH NEW HAVEN ROAD

Former President No Longer Retained in Advisory Capacity.

New York, Nov. 11.—Directors of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad had a special meeting here today and voted to drop the name of Charles S. Mellen from the advisory board of the \$67,552,000 bond issue from November 15 to November 26, when a 65 per cent. payment is to be made.

Various other matters of a routine character were disposed of by the board, according to Chairman Elliott, but the future dividend policy was not discussed.

Mr. Mellen's very recent utterances reflecting upon the financial management of the New Haven road were not taken up by the directors, according to Mr. Elliott, save in the most informal way formed no part of the day's proceedings.

Mr. Mellen, it was added, is no longer connected with the New Haven in an advisory capacity. According to Chairman Elliott the former president's advice will be freely given when asked for, in return for which he will receive all legal assistance in any action brought against him in his former capacity as chief executive. The next meeting of the New Haven board will be held in Boston on November 21.

MYSTIC

Death of Walter Morgan—Many Gifts for Mrs. MacKenzie on Birthday—Lecture.

Walter Morgan died at his home on Greenmanville avenue Tuesday afternoon after a long illness from a complication of diseases. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin N. Morgan. He has conducted a meat business in this village and of late years he had bought the Greenmanville farm and with his brother-in-law, Herman J. Holdredge, has run the farm besides the meat business. His health has been failing for a long time and his death was not unexpected. He is survived by his wife, one son, Walter Morgan, who is at Storrs college, and daughter, Miss Clara Morgan of Mystic and a sister, Mrs. Hattie Benjamin of Norwich.

Receives Many Birthday Remembrances.

Mrs. Isabella MacKenzie, who has been sick for two years and confined to her room and bed, celebrated her birthday Monday. She was remembered by many relatives and friends. The mails during the day brought post cards, booklets, fruit, flowers and many other tokens of love and good will. Her room was bright with flowers, including chrysanthemums, pinks and roses, gifts of the Eastern Star, Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies Aid society and Epworth League of the M. E. church, which she attended. Many friends called during the day. Mrs. MacKenzie, who has health sufferer for two years, is patient and uncomplaining and always has a cordial welcome for the many who call to see her.

Good Attendance at Lecture.

There was a large attendance at the lecture given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Earnshaw and his subject, "The Break with Rome."

At D. A. R. Anniversary Celebration.

Mrs. Ira Hoxie, regent of Fanny Ledyard chapter, D. A. R., Mrs. Horace N. Wheeler, Mrs. Frank N. Batty, Mrs. A. O. Colby, Mrs. Walter Fish were in Hartford Tuesday attending the exercises of the state D. A. R.

Local Notes.

The regular meeting of the W. C. T. U. was held in their rooms on Bank square Tuesday afternoon and was largely attended. Mrs. C. E. Newbury, the president, presided.

Mr. and Mrs. Enos M. Gray of Ledyard, Mrs. Samuel Marshall and Mrs. John H. MacKenzie of Providence have returned to their homes after a visit with their mother, Mrs. Isabella MacKenzie.

Claude H. Gillilan has returned to Barnet, Vt., after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Kretzer.

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In regard to the steamship end of the system, they are such an integral part of the service that it is impossible to say how profitable they would be if operated separately. It is just a question of bookkeeping whether certain expenses are charged to the railroad or steamship branch. If my advice had been followed we would have sold those steamship lines five years before the government ordered us to sell out. When Morse offered the New Haven \$20,000,000 for the steamship lines, I advocated their sale. But the directors voted to hold them. Even at that time I pointed out that some day the government would compel us to sell them. Mr. Morse's offer of \$20,000,000 was for the stock of the New England Navigation company, 50,000 shares, which cost us less than \$6,000,000. More than 50 per cent. of the business carried by the steamship is given directly by the railroads.

But aside from the mere question of policy I never cared to have the steamship lines on our hands. I was always terribly afraid that some day a fearful accident would take place on one of the sound liners. It is true that for many years our boats have been operated without accident. But accidents have occurred on other lines, and I was afraid that the day might come when we should meet this trouble. I was really afraid that if some big accident occurred to one of our boats that it would cost me my life as people would be wrought up against me as the responsible head of the property.

The railroads will all go under government ownership. It is coming quickly. Five years ago I felt that I would not live to see it. But now I think I shall. The regulation by the government during the last 10 years has tended to lower the value of railroad stocks as investments. There is not the big money in railroads that there used to be. There will not be any great opposition to government ownership when the time arrives. Because private capital will find the field unprofitable as a result of the too strict regulation.

That is my story. What do you think of it? That is my reward for 10 years of honest, faithful service. That is my reward for fighting my employers' enemies and for shielding the controlling interests of the system by standing the brunt of the attack for them. I fought back hard. I could say sharp things to the schemers who were fighting us because I knew I was standing on firm ground. I have made mistakes in my 44 years of working, for I am human, very human. But I have always served my employers to the best of my ability and in so doing I have been accused of crookedness. That is why I could talk back sharply. If I had lived in a glass house I should have thrown no stones. I should not have dared to take chances.

I am teaching my boys to be loyal, honest and faithful, and I am impressing upon them the baseness of the sin of ingratitude. If I ever find that any of my boys have been guilty of this sin; if I ever find that they show ingratitude to anyone who shielded them or theirs, I will take that son of mine out into the pasture, smite him with the handiest fence rail, and leave him as fit food for the crows."

Another Conference ON THE CURRENCY BILL.

Administration Members Refuse to Meet With Senate Committee.

Washington, Nov. 11.—Declining to meet with the senate banking and currency committee pending action on the currency bill by the democratic conference called for tomorrow, the four "administration" committee members today continued the preparation of their report to the conference. The other committee members agreed to adjourn until Thursday morning to await the conference.

The administration senators, Owen, Hollis, Pomerene and Shafroth, will present to the conference their version of what the president will accept. The way currency legislation. They will report the administration bill as it passed the house, it is expected, but with a single important amendment.

The other changes will be alterations of phraseology calculated to correct evident errors or to make the meaning clear. It is understood that the president is willing to yield one important change, for which there has been widespread demand, the elimination of the words "on lawful money" from the redemption section of the bill, making the proposed new currency redeemable only in gold.

Groton.—The engagement of Miss Anna, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Klippel, of Thames street, and William McLean Rose of Providence has been announced.

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